

Apalachicola April 15. 18

My dear Watson. - Your letter is a surprise in two ways - as coming from you & us announcing the departure of Dr & Mrs Gray for Europe. I had no idea of any such intention on their part. But I am really glad Gray has thrown down the books and pen, for if he is not quite worn out by his long and perplexing labors, he ought to be. He has done enough & he ought to empty into your lap whatever yet remains to be accomplished and enjoy the remainder of life remaining to him in that repose that nature requires.

It was a disappointment to me not to have met you during an hour's call at the garden last autumn. My trip was a sad one all round & the week I passed in Boston trying to regulate matters of business ought to have been passed in bed. I still remain shabby, but at last the Greenland (London) ^{ature}

Chapman

has passed and under the influence of
some Christian weather I am in hopes of picking
up a bit.

Your offer to assist me in getting *Griseb.*
Stera, & the parts of the *Prodromus*, is kindly, &
if you can tell me the amount required
I will forward it at once.

To complete my set of the *Prod.* I want
Fascic. 1 of the 2^d part of Vol. 15. (It contains
the genus *Euphorbia* by my old correspon-
dent, E. Boissier). The other parts of Vol. 15
I have. & of Vol. 16 all except "sectio Posterior
Fascic. 1. System. Cupulif. &c." This I have.

I am glad to have your *Phot.* in my Album.
Yours are in good company, facing one of the
worthiest of mankind, *Levis von Schieborn*.

In the family, where I staid in Roxbury,
was a bevy of women all demanding my pict-
ure, and the day before leaving they got me into a
quandary in ^{eastern} ~~Beaumont~~ St. Charles Hotel to the tune
with the result before. It is a sad picture, &
probably the last, I am sorry I have none
of cabinet size to send you.

Have you at finger's end the name of that Com-
pos. enclosed in my letter is the *S. ...*?

I want to keep up the impression existing
among my lady friends of omniscience in
botany, but here they have me in a corner.

Very cordially Yours,

A. W. Chapman

P.S. I have a *Spiranthes* recently sent
from East Florida which is new to me.
It is a winter-bloomer, growing in decaying
leaves, not in the ground - with the aspect
of *S. gracilis* but with fewer larger & purplish
flowers. Are *S. brevilobis* & *trialis* Lindl. & *S. cin-
nabarina*, Benth. (of which I know nothing) ac-
credited to this region? If you get another
specimen I will send it to you.